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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is an Amendment and Reply to the Restriction Requirement issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 22, 2004. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.